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SUBJECT: ASIA HOUSE EXHIBIT

1. PLEASE CALL ALLEN WARDWELL, DIRECTOR, ASIA HOUSE GALLERY, THE ASIA SOCIETY, NEW YORK WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN RESPONSE TO HIS JUNE 18 CABLE TO ROACH.

A. VIRENDRA NATH SAYS INAM RAHMAN WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND NO FURTHER DIRECT APPROVAL FROM MINISTRY IS REQUIRED.

B. NATIONAL MUSEUM IS NOT WILLING TO FUNCTION AS COLLECTING POINT FOR EXHIBIT, ALTHOUGH NATH WILL PRESS SIVARAMAMURTI AGAIN ON THIS POINT IF WARDWELL THINKS IT ESSENTIAL. NATH SUGGESTS THAT EACH LENDING MUSEUM COULD SHIP SEPARATELY TO NEW YORK.

C. EACH MUSEUM, OR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IF IT FUNCTIONS AS COLLECTING POINT, WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR EXPORT LICENSE TO DIRECTOR, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY. NATH SAYS PROBABLY TAKE UP TO THREE MONTHS FOR LICENSES TO BE ISSUED. MINISTRY WILL ADVISE DIRECTOR OF ITS APPROVAL FOR THE LOANS.

D. DR. KAPILA VATSYAYAN, NATH'S SUPERVISOR, IS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY. SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CUT THROUGH SOME RED TAPE ON THIS MATTER, AND WE WILL CONTACT HER ON RETURN, BUT DO NOT ENCOURAGE WARDWELL TO BE OPTIMISTIC.

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E. HE MAY WANT TO APPEAL TO INAM RAHMAN FOR HELP IN EXPEDITING

THIS,ALTHOUGH NOT SURE RAHMAN CAN ACTUALLY DO MUCH WITH MINISTRY

OF EDUCATION. SUGGEST THE PROBLEMS BE DISCUSSED WITH MRS. KOCHAR,
AND HER ASSISTANCE SOLICITED. ICCR MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO SERVE
AS COLLECTING POINT.

F. SORRY TO BE SO UNHELPFUL, BUT EXPORT OF ART AT ANY TIME IS
TRICKY MATTER AND THIS ONE COMPLICATED BY MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS
INVOLVED.SCHNEIDER

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